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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : If there is anything incriminating the administration mentioned in the Audit Report, how is action taken? What will happen then? To whom can they report, if not to Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : What I meant to say was that reports were not sent to Government. If any defects or irregularities are found, they are made known to the head of the institution. Copies of the report are sent to the Accountant-General also. The Accountant-General brings them to the notice of the Government not immediately, but when he examines the accounts of all institutions.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Has any such instance come to the notice of the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Accountant-General brought some irregularities to the notice of the Government. Only thereupon we have appointed these internal auditors.

Testing of samples

* 138 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the amount of fee charged by the King Institute, Guindy, for testing samples sent by Andhra Pradesh for the half year ended 30th June 1959?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Rs. 41,679.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Are they still sending samples for test at the Guindy Institute?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. They are charged for as in the case of private people. Originally they were not charged when Madras was a composite State. They were not charged for some time after separation also. But after a particular date—I think it was from 1959—we came to an understanding that they must also pay.

Roads connecting Kuppams with main roads

3-10 p.m.

* 139 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received for (i) laying of roads connecting Kuppams (Fishermen Colonies) with the Kovalam-Mahabalipuram Road and Tiruvanmiyur-Muthukadu Road in Chingleput district and (ii) constructing foot-bridges across the Buckingham Canal; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) A representation on the subject has been received from the Member. Formation of feeder roads to fishing villages under reference will be considered under the Third Five-Year Plan. The Government have sanctioned the

construction of wooden bridges across the Buckingham Canal at Nemili and Kadapakam Kuppam in Chingleput district. The estimates for the bridges are awaited from the Chief Engineer (Highways). There is also a proposal to construct a light bridge across Buckingham Canal on Madras-Mahabalipuram road near Sholinganallore which is very near to Panaiyar Kuppam, Chingleput district. There is also another proposal for the construction of similar wooden bridges at Pattipulam and four other places and the matter is under consideration.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: பாதை போடுவதற்கும் பாலம் அமைப்பதற்கும் மொத்தமாக எவ்வளவு பணம் ஒதுக்கப் பட்டிருக்கிறது ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : The Chief Engineer has stated that the formation of roads will be considered for execution during the Third Five-Year Plan period at a cost of one lakh of rupees.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it modern to use wood for bridges? Will they be fit for regular traffic?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Only for light traffic.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: இதை பொது மராமத்து இலாகா செய்யப் போகிறதா, அல்லது இதை மீன் இலாகா மூலம் செய்ய ஏற்பாடாகி யிருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: இது மராமத்து இலாகா மூலம்தான் செய்யப்படும் என்று நான் கருதுகிறேன்.

“ Tamilagam ”

* 140 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the price paid for the purchase of “ Tamilagam ” in Ootacamund by the Government;

(*b*) the amount spent so far on improvements and alterations;

(*c*) the annual maintenance charges; and

(*d*) the amount of rent realized by the Government during 1959–60?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) The sale deed has not yet been executed and it is being finalized.

(*b*) A sum of Rs. 1,45,915 has been spent up to 15th July 1960 on improvements and alterations.

(*c*) The annual maintenance charges incurred during 1959–60 was Rs. 20,986 (inclusive of taxes, electric and water charges).

(*d*) A sum of Rs. 792 was realised as rent by Government during 1959–60.